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1. DEPT. COMMENTS ON REFTEL ARE AS FOL:

A) JAPAN FONOFF IS CORRECT IN ASSUMING STATE DEPT. WOULD BE POINT OF COORDINATION IN USG FOR UMBRELLA AGREEMENT. IF PROPOSED USG REORGANIZATION FOR ENERGY MATTERS TAKES PLACE, THE NEW ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ERDA) WILL BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT US PARTICIPANT, AND USG MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER POINT OF COORDINATION. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT SUBSIDIARY TECHNICAL
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ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE NEGOTIATED BY AND ADMINISTERED BY

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APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL AGENCIES ON EACH SIDE AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE IV OF DRAFT AGREEMENT.

B) EMBASSY CORRECT IN ADVISING JAPANESE THAT SUCH EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DATA ON R&D ACTIVITIES IS ONE PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT AND A VERY LARGE ORDER IN LIMITED TIME. HOWEVER, IN INTEREST OF MOVING NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD, USG WILLING EXCHANGE ONE PAGE SUMMARIES ON ITEMS A THROUGH M, ARTICLE III. FOR OUR PART, WE EXPECT JAPANESE TO PROVIDE AT SAME TIME SIMILAR ONE PAGE STATEMENTS IN ENGLISH ON THEIR PROGRAMS IN EACH OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL AREAS OF EXCHANGE. US PAPERS MAY BE AVAILABLE

FOR EXCHANGE AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 24. IF THE EXCHANGE OF SUMMARIES STILL LEAVES UNCERTAINTIES THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR MEETING OF US-JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS.

C) PROPOSED AGREEMENT WOULD BE FIRST FORMAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT ON ENERGY R&D. HOWEVER, ARRANGEMENTS IN THIS FIELD EMBODIED IN PROTOCOL WITH USSR UNDER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. PROTOCOL IS PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND IS BEING POUCHED.

2. DEPT. BELIEVES THAT VISIT OF GOVERNOR LOVE, OCT.7-9, PROVIDES AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR SIGNING R&D AGREEMENT IF REASONABLE EFFORTS CAN COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS IN TIME.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO:

(A) RESPOND TO KATAKURA QUESTIONS ON BASIS OF INFORMATION IN PARA 1, ABOVE.

(B) RAISE SUBJECT OF PROPOSED LOVE VISIT WITH FONOFF AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, CONVEYING USG INTEREST IN REACHING AGREEMENT IN TIME TO PERMIT LOVE PARTICIPATION IN SIGNING CEREMONY. PLEASE REPORT REACTION AND PROSPECTS.
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